

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
JACOB et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD
USING EMBEDDED
MICROPROCESSOR AS A
NODE IN AN ADAPTABLE
COMPUTING MACHINE

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Group Art Unit: 2183

Examiner: Aimee J. Li

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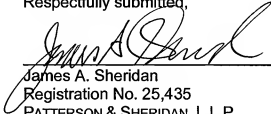
Dear Examiner:

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47

Applicant, by his attorney, hereby petitions the U.S. Patent Office to accept the declaration under 37 CFR §131, attached to the response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2007, without a corresponding affidavit or declaration from co-inventor Rojit Jacob. The attached declaration from the attorneys of the inventors, James A. Sheridan, clearly establishes that a diligent search has been made for Mr. Jacob. However, he cannot be found, and he is therefore missing and unavailable to cooperate in the further prosecution of this application. For this reason, acceptance of the declaration of Mr. Chuang as conclusive evidence that the subject matter claimed herein was invented, prior to the publication date of September 26, 2002 of the Master publication (2002/0138716), is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/NVDA/P002844/JAS for any fees required to make this petition timely and acceptable to the Office

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Sheridan", is written over a horizontal line.

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